

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

It is also a clear example of how media conglomerates have come to believe that they have the right to lie to the American people. The documentary will be based on the words of John Kerry. If it does not make clear that Kerry's words came from eye-witness accounts of fellow veterans, it will be intentionally misrepresenting the facts. If it does not make clear that the atrocities he described are well-documented facts, it will be intentionally distorting the truth. If it does not make clear that, even in a time of war, we are obligated to report gross violations of human rights, it will be attacking our moral standards.

As a media giant that doesn't seem to believe it is accountable to anyone, I doubt that it will include these facts in its documentary. If it doesn't, it will be far more obscene than the Super Bowl halftime show for which you fined CBS.